

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to the life-and-death monitoring method of monitoring, by any of a plurality of host computers connected to a common network, a life-or-death state of other host computer, a life-and-death monitoring packet including a table having a management order of a host computer to be managed, and an address and a check flag of the host computer is transmitted from a management host computer to any of the host computers to be managed, the host computer to be managed which has received the life-and-death monitoring packet checks a check flag of the table in which its own address is registered, and the host computer to be managed which has completed the checking transmits the life-and-death monitoring packet to a subsequent host computer to be managed according to the management order of the table.

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